



TOWN OF NAHANT
Advisory and Finance Committee

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Thursday August 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Vanderslice, Lewis, Tarmy, Beatty, Brown, Sheehan, Fulghum, Zahora

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Capano, K. Marden, Callanan, D. Dunfee(Town Clerk), N. Cantelmo, D. Monteith, V. Patek, Peter Gawlocki, call-ins

Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. Meeting recorded on ZOOM

Motion made by Zahora and seconded by Beatty to accept the change in officers of the Committee to reflect two Co-Chairs as opposed to one Chair and a Vice Chair. Bob Vanderslice and John Fulghum will assume the position of Co-Chairs. Unanimous AYES.

New Town Clerk, Diane Dunfee, had questions regarding Clerk Budget items:

- 161 – Clerk budget
- 162 – Elections Budget – due to COVID and mail-in ballots major increase in spending; need for more ‘clickers’ for town meeting votes; wants to budget appropriately for additional costs for TWO town meetings in this fiscal year plus a presidential primary and election
- Town Clerk Salary

Informed Diane that we could not discuss salary negotiations and that she should talk to Town Manager for guidance and perspective about budget items. Having heard her concerns, we will look closely at the updated budget items or any changes and make our recommendations accordingly.

Vi Patek and Nancy Cantelmo spoke to Article 31 – Trees. MGL Part 1, Title XIV, Chapter 87, Section - Cost would fit with DPW budget for Trees. Has been reviewed by Counsel. Vi will send full documents to committee.

Discussion on Articles still requiring a vote: 4, 7, 8, 10, 14N, 27, 28. No able to vote on.

- Art. 32 – Parking Violations – discussion with info provided by Barletta – **Motion by Sheehan to recommend, Brown seconded – Unanimous AYES.**

Vanderslice gave an in-depth presentation of the NEU Financial Impact Statement compiled by him. Barletta said RKG is still working on the Tax Shift section. Future of property if town takes it...another layer of analysis. Not a document we are endorsing, it is for educational purposes.

Still no clear picture on Town Meeting. BOS still discussing abbreviated warrant. Town will reach out to State for guidance.



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Next meeting Wednesday August 19th, 7 p.m. On agenda will be 9 warrant articles left to vote, 4 that are essential; Final Budget; numbers from Acct; Changes to any Articles already voted; possible Executive Session.

Public Comment by Peter Gawlocki re: We need an absolute recommendation from FinCom about who is going to pay for possible additional cost of Eminent Domain, Tax Shift Change Town Mtg to more of a Ballot Vote. Barletta explained that certain votes require Town Mtg. vote by law.

Motion made to adjourn made by Tarmy, seconded by Beatty. Unanimous AYES.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48